

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A transformant obtained by introducing a foreign gene ~~whose expression is induced by isomaltose~~ into a microorganism which belongs to *Aspergillus* which lacks an α -glucosidase B gene, wherein the foreign gene comprises ~~the~~ a structural gene and a promoter promoting a transcription of the structural gene, the promoter is a promoter whose transcription activity is induced by isomaltose, and the promoter is a promoter of α -amylase gene, glucoamylase gene, or α -glucosidase gene of *Aspergillus* acting on the structural gene.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A transformant obtained by introducing a foreign gene ~~whose expression is induced by isomaltose~~ into *Aspergillus nidulans* which lacks an α -glucosidase B gene, wherein the foreign gene comprises ~~the~~ a structural gene and a promoter promoting a transcription of the structural gene, the promoter is a promoter whose transcription activity is induced by isomaltose, and the promoter is a promoter of α -amylase gene, glucoamylase gene, or α -

glucosidase gene of *Aspergillus* ~~acting on the structural gene~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A transformant obtained by introducing a foreign gene into a microorganism which belongs to *Aspergillus* which lacks an α -glucosidase B gene, wherein the foreign gene comprises a structural gene and ~~The transformant according to claim 4, wherein the promoter~~ is a modified promoter obtained by inserting a first DNA fragment containing CCAATNNNNNN (first base sequence: SEQ ID NO: 1) and a second DNA fragment CGGNNNNNNNNGG (second base sequence: SEQ ID NO: 2) into a promoter capable of functioning in *Aspergillus*, said promoter is a promoter whose transcription activity is induced by isomaltose.

Claim 8 (Original): A method of producing proteins, the method comprising:
a step of culturing the transformant according to claim 4 under the conditions capable of allowing the foreign gene to express; and
a step of collecting the produced proteins.